

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chairman Bill Wilson, on February 5, 2009 at 8:34 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bill Wilson, Chairman (D)
Rep. Bill Beck, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart, Vice Chairwoman (D)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)
Rep. Paul Beck (D)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Timothy Furey (D)
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)
Rep. Cary Smith (R)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)
Rep. Jeffery Welborn (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Santella Baglivo, Committee Secretary
Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 412, 1/30/2009; HB 400,
1/30/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 400

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:12 Rep. Deborah Kottel (D), HD 20, opened the hearing on
HB 400, Revise alcohol content of beer.

00:02:45 Rep. Reinhart enters.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:39 Sen. Cliff Larson, Senator, Senate District 50
00:06:06 Tony Herbert, Executive Director, Montana Brewers
Association
00:10:20 Art Galloway, Proprietor, Toppers Cellar, Helena,
Montana
00:12:08 Rep. Milburn enters.
00:14:28 Rep. Augare enters.
00:15:41 Neil Leathers, Big Sky Brewing Co., Missoula, Montana
00:19:32 Josh Townsley, Tamarak Brewing Co., Lakeside, Montana
00:21:27 Max Pigman, Lewis and Clark Brewing Co., Helena,
Montana
00:22:37 Tim Bozik, Bitterroot Brewery, Hamilton, Montana
00:23:15 Brian Smith, Vice President Montana Brewers Association
00:25:40 Tom Matsko, Great Falls
00:28:02 Mark Taylor, Anheuser Busch
00:29:12 Chelsea Frank, George's Distributing, Helena, Montana
00:30:10 Brad Martens, Proprietor, Rhinoceros Bar, Missoula,
Montana
00:34:40 Debbie Endres, Gourmet Cellar, Livingston, Montana
00:35:21 Annie Garbagnty, Rocky Mountain Wine Co., Glacier,
Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

00:36:33 Kris Minard

Informational Testimony:

00:41:00 Chris Christians, Montana Farmers Union

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:42:22 Rep. Hunter
00:42:42 Mr. Herbert
00:43:53 Rep. P. Beck
00:44:40 Mr. Smith
00:45:32 Rep. P. Beck
00:45:42 Mr. Smith
00:46:28 Rep. P. Beck
00:46:56 Mr. Smith
00:48:11 Rep. Arntzen
00:48:37 Shauna Helfert, Administrator, Liquor Control Division,
Department of Revenue (DOR)
00:48:56 Rep. Arntzen
00:49:26 Ms. Helfert
00:49:33 Rep. Arntzen
00:49:41 Ms. Helfert
00:50:01 Rep. Arntzen
00:50:24 Ms. Helfert
00:50:53 Rep. Arntzen
00:51:08 Ms. Helfert
00:51:16 Rep. B. Beck
00:51:45 Mr. Herbert
00:52:37 Rep. B. Beck
00:52:51 Mr. Herbert

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:07 Rep. Kottel

00:56:58 Chairman Wilson calls a recess.
01:24:58 Chairman Wilson resumes hearing.

01:25:09 Rep. Berry

HEARING ON HB 412

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:25:30 Rep. Brady Wiseman (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on HB
412, Revise liquor excise tax rates for smaller
producers.

[EXHIBIT \(buh27a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:29:38 Mike Uda, Vigilante Distilling, Helena, Montana
01:35:35 Brian Schultz, Distillery Owner, Bozeman, Montana

01:39:23 Rep. Scott Mendenhall, House District 77

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:40:17 Shauna Helfert, Administrator, Liquor Control Division
(DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:40:50 Rep. Welborn
01:41:24 Mr. Schultz
01:41:58 Rep. Welborn
01:42:15 Mr. Uda
01:43:02 Rep. Furey
01:43:40 Ms. Helfert
01:43:54 Rep. B. Beck
01:44:15 Rep. Wiseman
01:44:57 Rep. Noonan
01:45:14 Mr. Schultz

Closing by Sponsor:

01:45:41 Rep. Wiseman

ADJOURNMENT

01:46:39 Adjournment: 10:20 A.M.

Santella Baglivo, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([buh27aad.pdf](#))